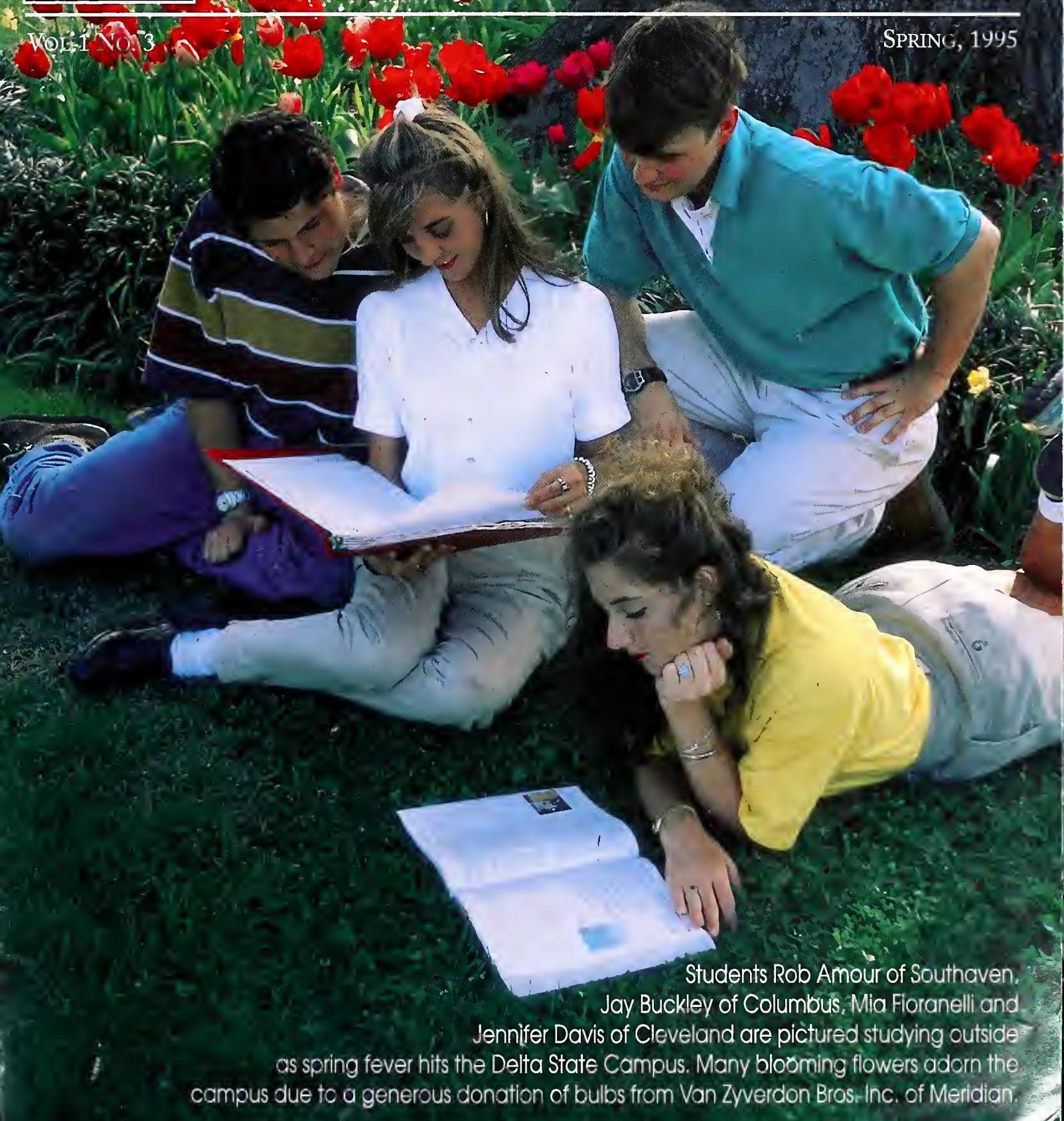


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Students Rob Amour of Southaven, Jay Buckley of Columbus, Mia Floranelli and Jennifer Davis of Cleveland are pictured studying outside as spring fever hits the Delta State Campus. Many blooming flowers adorn the campus due to a generous donation of bulbs from Van Zyverdon Bros. Inc. of Meridian.



## WEDDING BELLS

Teresa Gay Wilson to Patrick Kyle Quinn on December 31, 1994 in Clarksdale.

Lisa Marie Sheffield to Marc Wayne Alford on January 7, 1995 in Moorhead.

Susan Danette Coker to Shannon Keith Holland on February 18, 1995 in Lambert.

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Kim-Sue Gilmer to Kenny O. Wise, III on December 17, 1994 in Silver City.

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Sally Caradine to James E. Duke on July 8, 1994 in Greenville.

Jennifer Lynell Whiteside to James "Jamie" Harvey Lipscomb, IV on January 7, 1995 in Starkville.

Julia Williams to Thomas L. Macon, Jr. on June 18, 1994 in Sumner.

Sonya Joy Armstrong to Mitchell Terrell, Jr. on August 13, 1994 in Kosciusko.

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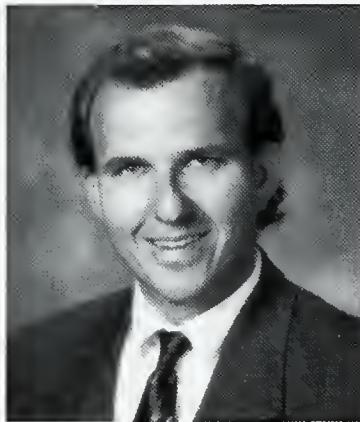
Audra Michelle Jones to Robert Lee Grosmann, Jr. on January 21, 1995 in Memphis.

Amber Nicole Knight to Alex Allegrezzo, Jr. on February 10, 1995 in Cleveland.

Sharon Denise Banks to Harold Alphonso Callen on February 11, 1995 in Atlanta, GA.

Leigh A. Brown to Thomas Bradford Janoush on December 31, 1994 in Cleveland.

Dewyantit Undraria Wesley to Harmon Neal Roberson on February 11, 1995 in Renova.



Glover "Russ" Russell

Dear Alumni & Friends,

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve as President of the Delta State Alumni Association and thank each of you for your vote of confidence. I welcome any ideas, suggestions or concerns on how the Alumni Association can better serve you.

As many of you know, the Delta State Foundation is conducting its first multi-million dollar fund raising drive. We have set a goal of raising \$5,000,000 by the year 2000. I ask that you give freely of your time and money when called upon by the members of the fund raising committee.

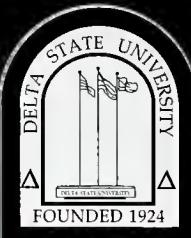
Next time you are in Cleveland or on the Delta State campus, I invite you to drive through and observe all of the improvements and additions that have taken place. The Performing Arts Center, the finest in Mississippi, will be opening this Spring. Substantial renovations will begin shortly on Broom Hall. You will also see that major landscaping improvements have taken place since the devastating ice storm last year.

Spring graduation is May 6th and I encourage all graduates to remain active in Delta State and join the Alumni Association. I encourage all other Alumni to continue to take an active part in the Association.

Delta State's Homecoming is October 28, 1995. Mark your calendar and I hope to see you there! Go Delta!

Russ Russell  
President

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Letters to the editor should be sent to  
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Cleveland, MS 38733 or fax to 601-846-4713.

*Keep up the good work! Even though I am miles away in the foreign country of Utah, I am still and always proud to be a DSU graduate*

Spring Heflin Youngblood, '89  
Brigham City, UT

*This is GREAT! I have thoroughly enjoyed the new alumni magazine. Not only does it look good, but it keeps me informed on Delta State and I love reading about my friends.*

Stephen Sutton, '87  
Memphis, TN

*Love the new design of Delta Currents. Wish we could reorganize the alumni meeting for alumni in the Nashville area. The last get-together was canceled due to the 1994 ice storm.*

George F. Mangum  
Nashville, TN

*I want to say that I am proud of the alumni association of Delta State and want to be a part of it. DSU gave me my start. I am Associate Professor at Jarvis Christian College. I take great pride in supporting my alma mater.*

Dr. Hosea L. Franklin, 72

Clinton, MS

*I LOVE THE DELTA CURRENTS!!!!!! I am impressed when I read my alumni magazine. I especially enjoy Wedding Bells and Baby Statesmen. I have included the birth of our new baby. I have included a check also for my current membership. I hope to make it back to homecoming or a visit soon. Thanks!*

Tammy Lee Parkes, '88  
Louisville, MS



## ALUMNI UPDATE

One of the best-read features of Delta Currents is the section on Class News. What better way to let your classmates know where you are and what you are doing than through "With The Classes?" Why not tell us about yourself - if you've recently married, taken a new job, gotten a promotion, changed addresses, or welcomed new children.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Here's my update: \_\_\_\_\_

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## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI NOMINATIONS DUE

Each year at homecoming the Alumni Association presents the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award to a former student who has distinguished himself/herself by making significant contributions to human or institutional programs in which a situation, institution, or movement has been improved because of his/her personal participation.

The selection is made from nominees submitted by members of the Alumni Association and the final selection is made by the awards committee.

If you know of someone deserving of this honor, please send their name, address, achievements and honors to the DSU Alumni Director at Box 3104, Cleveland, MS 38733.



Barbara VanderZwaag to Bradley Dickerson on May 27, 1995 in Germantown, TN.

Melinda Carol Steen to Kenneth Myles Walcott, III on February 25, 1995 in Clarksdale.

Christy Leigh Walker to Paul Anderson on March 11, 1995 in Crystal Springs.

Nicole Lynn Newman to Terrell Porter on March 4, 1995 in Valley Park.

Margery Anne Smith to William Andrew Beck on March 11, 1995 in Cleveland.

Lisa Michelle Weeks to Christopher Allen Giger on March 11, 1995 in Cleveland.

Melissa Carol Hughes to Timothy Dale Blackstock on March 4, 1995 in Greenville.

Jennifer Jenkins to Paxton Mogenson on March 11, 1995 in Clarksdale.

Carolyn Kinman to Jeff Elmore on July 30, 1994 in Mesquite, TX.

Windala Simone Weir to Michael Sean Johnson on March 4, 1995 in Hernando.

Cynthia M. Thomas to Stewart Cliburn on November 4, 1994 in Ft. Myers, FL.

Amanda Hope Pierce to William Ralph Azlin, Jr. on March 25, 1995 in Clarksdale.

Patricia Vontese Russell to William Doty Farmer on April 1, 1995 in Cleveland.

Casey Marie Jefcoat to Michael Shane Cook on March 31, 1995 in Cleveland.

Norma Charleen Brown to John C. Sproles on March 10, 1995 in Brookhaven.

Renee Michelle Swinney to Eugene Vincent Columbus on April 8, 1995 in Tupelo.

## BABY STATESMEN



Walter Ira, Jr. born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ira Boswell (Carolyn) on November 26, 1994 in Greenwood.

Tyler Christiana born to Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Scaf (Kimberly) on December 13, 1994 in Conway, AR.

Robert Dashiell born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin (Stacy Scarborough) on November 17, 1994.

Andrew Lee born to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Burleson (Pam) on May 19, 1994.

Peyton Lawrence to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mitchell (Hayes Watts) on December 13, 1994 in Clarksdale.

Hayden Michael to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Anthony (Pam Cooper) on February 18, 1994.

Gage Preston to Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gordon (Kim Adams) on January 3, 1995.

Amanda Gail to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elliott (Lynda Gail Long) on December 15, 1994 in Cleveland.

Anna Louise to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Girling (Karen Stevenson) on November 6, 1994 in Meridian.

Joel William to Mr. and Mrs. William Lyle Skelton on November 10, 1994 in Clarksdale.

Elizabeth McShan to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ouzts (Stephanie McShan) on December 2, 1994 in Jackson.

Matthew Garrett to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones (Kathy Garrett) on December 25, 1994 in Vicksburg.

Martin III to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bray, Jr. (Melanie Kalkbrenner) on December 6, 1994 in Cleveland.

Lydia Grace to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright Aertker (Elaine Davis) on November 30, 1994 in Baton Rouge, LA.

Sarah Grace was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Wroten (Holly Harris) from the PR of China.



## CAMPUS GETS FACELIFT

Delta State campus is being returned to its former beauty after the great ice storm of '94. Due to the foresight of the administration and help from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), major renovation is underway.

Streets on campus have been repaired or re-coated. New, brighter antique looking streets lights have been installed, and a campus wide landscaping project has been undertaken. Many of the new trees, shrubbery and ground cover are flowering. An upgraded irrigation system has been installed and complete renovation of the quadrangle has been started. The giant oak trees lining the quad have been significantly pruned and new oaks have been planted between. Many of the 5000 spring flowering bulbs donated to Delta State by Van Zyverdon Nursery of Meridian are now in full bloom as evidenced by the cover photo.



*Jennifer Sartain, a DSU Senior from Water Valley, was recently selected Miss DSU 1995 and will be competing in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in July.*

## IN MEMORIAM

Thelma Kilpatrick Mortimer, 74, (class of 1942) of Belzoni, a retired teacher, died December 26, 1994 of heart failure at Humphreys County Memorial Hospital.

Blanche S. Francis, of Gunnison, MS, died December 30, 1994.

Dr. Arthur W. Lindsey, Jr., 65, (class of 1950) of Cleveland, a doctor at the Cleveland Medical Clinic, died January 24, 1995 of cancer at the Bolivar County Hospital.

Mary Kate Flowers, 78, (class of 1936) of Memphis, TN, died December 8, 1994 at the Baptist East Hospital.

Sam B. Parker, (class of 1952), of Starkville, a former basketball coach of Starkville High from 1964-1978, died July 20, 1994.

Jeff Edward "Trace" Frazier, III, 24, of Cleveland, a graduate assistant basketball coach at Delta State University, died February 11, 1995 in Yazoo City.

Dolores D. C. McKeithen, 86, a retired supervisor, died of heart failure February 22, 1995 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Hubert Tucker, 52, (class of 1965), head football coach at Northeast Mississippi Community College, died February 20, 1995 of injuries received in an automobile accident in Philadelphia.

Beverly Griffis, (class of 1954), of Starkville, died February 27, 1995.

Diane Triplett P. Guyton, 64, (class of 1971), of Starkville, died February 27, 1995 of cancer at Cantrell's Personal Care Home.

Margaret Wade, 82, of Cleveland, died February 16, 1995 at the Bolivar County Hospital

Izora A. Hilliard, class of 1947, of Madison, died January 11, 1995.

Wilburn Wilson, 68, class of 1946, of Cleveland, died March 10, 1995 of heart failure at the Bolivar County Hospital.

Evelyn Dunlap Wilkes, 76, of Cleveland, died March 12, 1995 in Monroe, LA.

Louise Fogg, class of 1969, of Rena Lara, died March 5, 1995.

## IN MEMORIAM

H.L. (Henry Lee) Nowell Jr., 74 (Class of '43) died of heart failure April 6, at his home in Cleveland. He served Delta State in many capacities during his 38 year tenure. Memorials can be made to the H.L. Nowell Scholarship Fund and sent to Box 3141; Cleveland, MS 38733.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

*"She has a cool and easy manner and a calmness few players ever reach. She will make an able leader"*

QUOTE FROM 1932 YEARBOOK

In 1973, Dr. Aubrey Lucas announced that Delta State would reinstate its women's basketball program and its coach would be Margaret Wade. Admitting that, at age 60 and following a bout with cancer, she didn't know if she would be able to handle the physical demands of the job, Wade accepted the challenge.

Six years, four state championships, three AIAW national championships and 157 wins later, "Coach" Wade retired as coach of the Lady Statesmen.

Raised in Cleveland, Wade attended Cleveland High and Delta State. She was a center-forward on Delta State women's basketball teams which won state championships in 1930 and 1931. Much to her dismay, in 1932 the college disbanded the team, stating that the sport was "too rough for young ladies."

Following graduation, Wade taught and coached at Cleveland High School for 17 years before



returning to Delta State to head up its women's physical education department. It would be 14 years later that she would become coach of the Lady Statesmen.

Wade's contributions to women's basketball have been well-documented and recognized nationally with the naming of The Wade Trophy, awarded to the top women's collegiate basketball player in the nation, and induction into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in 1978.

Yes, she distinguished herself and women's basketball and helped put her school "on the map"

nationally. She was a woman I remember for her competitive fire, but gentle manner; a woman who commanded your attention without having to ask for it; and a woman looked upon by her players with love and respect.

Margaret Wade died February 16, 1995 following a lengthy illness, but the legend she left behind will live forever, and yes, she was an able leader.

## 50 YEAR GOLDEN CIRCLE

On April 9th and 10th a group of alumni who graduated before 1945 returned to campus to celebrate the formation of the Fifty Year Golden Circle. The members were introduced at Honors Day activities, given a tour of the campus, attended the Renaissance Performance in the new performing arts building, served at the Presidents home and even attended undergraduate classes with Student Alumni members.

They were greeted by former alumni directors Dr. Kent Wyatt, and Hugh Ellis Walker. Current

director Dr. Don Skelton welcomed the group on behalf of the alumni association.

"This was a blue ribbon, or shall we say, green and white ribbon occasion," expressed Vicki Fioranelli, associate alumni director. "There are approximately 550 alumni who graduated between 1928 and 1944 for whom we have good addresses. It was staggering to think that so many cared and were able to return for this event."

## BABY STATESMEN



Mary Helen to Mr. and Mrs. Arlan Kimble Makamson, Jr. (Mary Elizabeth) on August 15, 1994.

Jay Waller to Rev. and Mrs. J. Heath Wilkinson (Casey Stevens) on January 9, 1995 in Jackson.

William Colin to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jones (Cornelia Ward) on December 21, 1994.

Brittany Nicole to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bradford (Dena) on May 9, 1991.

Houston Bradley to Mr. and Mrs. Brad Yuille (Sara Brinkley) on January 17, 1995.

James Andrew to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Newquist on December 9, 1994.

Kaitlyn Amelia to Mr. and Mrs. Gentry W. Boswell (Cindi Chandler) on January 28, 1995.

Doria to Mr. and Mrs. Dan King on December 3, 1994.

William Wyatt to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lipsey (Dana Burrell) on November 9, 1994.

Jordan Kimbal on August 21, 1991 and Jacob Scott on July 27, 1994 to Mr. and Mrs. Kimbal Billingsley (Lisa Scott) in Memphis.

John Thomas Robertson, III to Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson (Patricia) on October 21, 1994.

John Austin to Mr. and Mrs. John McCandlish (Lori Kimbro) on December 11, 1994 in Alpharetta, GA.

Taylor Hart to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hames (Anne Hart Hudson) on October 7, 1994 in Grenada, MS.

Joe Woodrow to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Quon (Melanie Chow) on February 2, 1995.

Wyndham Shea to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sutton (Debra) on December 26, 1994 in Memphis.

## BABY STATESMEN



Hailey Morgan to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Baioni (Lori Stanford) on January 6, 1995 in Mobile, AL.

Chandler Dawn to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stallings (Julie Kingston) on January 17, 1995 in Indiana.

Michael "Case" to Mr. and Mrs. Brent Martin (Meredith Poole) on February 18, 1995.

Charles Henry to Mr. and Mrs. Charles "Chuck" Hudson (Melanie Outlaw) on February 14, 1995 in Greenville.

Mollie Rayburn to Mr. and Mrs. Brad Evans, Jr. (Mellany Rayburn) on February 25, 1995 in Indianola.

Brannon Edward to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson (Kathy Kyte) on January 30, 1995 in Fayetteville, GA.

Taylor Harvie to Mr. & Mrs. David M. Kuhn on March 3, 1995.

## WITH THE CLASSES

### 1940's

Sue Thweat King, 43, was selected queen of Cleveland Jr. Auxiliary Charity Ball 1995.

### 1950's

Dr. Lawton Owens, of Cleveland, was presented with a plaque by the U.S.O. in Washington, DC for outstanding service to the organization.

Janice Mitchell, '54 of Memphis, TN, has been teaching in the Memphis School System for 32 years, and is presently teaching at Coleman School in Raleigh.

### 1960's

Jimmie L. Burrell, '69 of Tampa, FL, has been promoted to Senior Intelligence Specialist, Special Operations Command, at MacDill AFB, FL.

Robbie Riggan, '63, of Learned, serves as mayor of Learned and part time English teacher for Hinds Community College. Fred Rossi, '64, of Morris NJ, was named Administrator of Morris, New Jersey Township. He served 15 years as Morris County Administrator.

# DELTA STATE MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE

The DSU Foundation launched the largest capital campaign in the University's history last fall — and the effort is helping Delta State meet expanding educational and service needs as it prepares for the 21st Century. In the 1st 24 weeks, the development program had received \$ 1.3 million in total commitments. This level of support makes the development program the most successful in the University's history and sets the stage for reaching the \$5 million campaign goal.

The Foundation and the University are directing their greatest efforts toward creating endowments for program enhancements and in areas that are not supported by public funds. These objectives include goals of a \$2 million endowment to enhance the University's science programs, a \$2 million programming endowment to support the new Performing Arts Center and a \$1 million faculty professional development fund. DSU alumni and friends may also designate gifts and pledges to other programs of special interest to them.

The entire fund-raising effort took root in the generosity of DSU alum Dean Spradling, a 1954 Delta State medical technology graduate from Clarksdale. Spradling personally committed a \$400,000 challenge grant in the sciences area and his leadership led Foundation and University officials to develop a broader program to reach all DSU alumni and regional businesses, corporations and foundations.

The "Campaign for Delta State: Changing Vision Into Reality" will substantially advance the Foundation and the University. The following financial projections cover a five-year pledge period, allowing alumni, corporations, foundations, and friends to make more generous financial "investments" over a multi-year time frame to expand endowment and other funds to enhance quality instruction and outreach for Delta State.

### THE ENDOWMENT FOR THE SCIENCES . . \$2,000,000

Delta State University has one of Mississippi's outstanding science programs, particularly in the areas of pre-med and allied health. A commitment has been made to build a strong endowment to

continue DSU's commitment to excellence and distinction in the sciences.

DSU alum Dean Spradling has already made a \$400,000 challenge gift to establish The Endowment for the Sciences. Every dollar contributed for the sciences by other alumni, businesses, companies and friends will be matched by Spradling on a one to four basis up to a total of \$2 million.

The endowment income will be used for instructional equipment, student scholarships and development, academic program development, and special service/research projects.

### THE PERFORMING ARTS ENDOWMENT . . . \$2,000,000

The new \$8.5 million Performing Arts Center includes a 1,200-seat main auditorium and a separate recital hall. While the state funded the building of the center, the goals of expanding educational, cultural and entertainment programming in the facility must be met through endowment income. This fund is being established through the strong support of alumni and friends who, through contributions, are naming theater chairs and areas of the building in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

Private funds will be used for performing arts series, cooperative programming with area schools and arts organizations, and national and international entertainers and speakers.

### FACULTY PROFESSIONAL

### DEVELOPMENT ENDOWMENT . . . . . \$1,000,000

Endowment income is also needed to assist outstanding Delta State faculty members. Funds will be used to support professional development programs, for start-up grant funding or "seed money" and for service and outreach programs throughout the Delta.

### TOTAL . . . . . \$5,000,000

Delta State University receives less than 61 percent of its total budget from the state of Mississippi general revenue fund. DSU is a "state-assisted" rather than "state-supported" institution. There are no projections for new dollars from the state. Because this trend is likely to continue, the

public-private partnership that currently exists must be strengthened if Delta State is going to continue quality education and student development into the 21st Century.

The first step in the program's implementation was to receive financial support within the University family, including the DSU Foundation Board, the Alumni Association Board, faculty, staff and administration. The Foundation and Alumni Association boards have committed \$390,000 in gifts and pledges. Administration, faculty and staff members have made commitments totaling \$71,000 in gifts and pledges.

It is important for the University "family" to be the first supporters of the development program. This includes you and your more than 20,000 fellow alumni who must demonstrate to business leaders as well as state and national foundations that you believe in your alma mater and are supporting it with both money and time.

For additional information, please contact the DSU Foundation Development Program, Alumni and Foundation House, Box 3141, Cleveland, MS 38733, 601/846-4709.

## YOUR ROLE AS A DSU ALUM

Your gift or pledge as a DSU graduate is extremely important to the DSU Foundation Development Program.

If all Delta State alumni gave just \$1 each day over a three- to five-year period, then each gift would range from \$1,095 to \$1,895. DSU's more than 20,000 alumni have the potential to make a huge impact on the Foundation's first major development program. Also, many alumni are employed at companies with matching contribution programs. Thus, if the company matches the employee gift to Delta State, the original gift can be doubled or even tripled.

The DSU Foundation and University ask you to personally contribute and enlist others to give. You also can be helpful in identifying businesses, companies and DSU friends that will support the effort.

Funds needed for the special program objectives should not be confused with annual giving. Year after year, annual giving provides unrestricted funds to supplement Delta State's operating budget. You are now being asked to make a commitment over and above what you are now contributing on an annual basis — a special gift or pledge.

Michael T. Hall, '69, of Portland, TX, is now serving as the Command Chaplain at the naval station in Ingleside, TX.

Walter M. Campbell III, '68, was recognized as Outstanding Faculty Member in the College of Business at Northeast Louisiana University by ODK in 1994.

Jeanette Snell, '60, of Booneville retired after 28 years of teaching. Thomas E. Lord, '67, of Jackson, a 26 year veteran with the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, has been named its director.

Philene P. Allen, 65, of Cleveland, was recently named the Woman of Distinction by the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Dr. Anne Gaddis Cross, '68, of Ripley, was among 77 outstanding students and faculty members from Mississippi colleges and community colleges who received special recognition from the Mississippi Legislature during the 8th annual HEADWAE program.

Johnny Parker, '68, of Foxboro MA, has been named "strength coach of the year" in the National Football League. Parker just completed his second season with the New England Patriots following nine years with the New York Giants.

## 1970's

Thomas W. Carson, '79, of Decatur, MS, was selected as East Central Community College's outstanding HEADWAE faculty member for the 1994-95 term.

Colonel Tom Watts, of Belgium, has been assigned to U.S. Mission to NATO and promoted to Colonel. He was the first professor of military science in 1980 at DSU.

Mark Norwood, '78, formerly of Cleveland, has accepted a position with Union Planters Bank in Jackson.

Archie James, '76, of Atlanta, is Southern Area Manager of Business Transformation and responsible for IBM's reengineering efforts in the Southeast.

Former Canton Mayor, '73, Sidney Runnels, has been named Director of Economic Development for the West Memphis, AR Chamber of Commerce.

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# DELTA STATE ON THE MOVE

Billy Moore, '71, of Long Beach, was chosen as Who's Who Among American Teachers in 1994.

Nate Fairconnetue, '74, of Bay St. Louis, is Assistant Principal at Harrison Central High School in Gulfport.

Milton Allen, '75, of Overland Park, KS, is President of Agripro Seed Co. in Shawnee Mission, KS. Roland Jones, '76, of Tampa, FL, was named Teacher of the Year at Robinson High School in Tampa.

Susan Wiggins, '74, co-owner of the women's clothing store, The Wishing Well, opened her new store in Cleveland, MS.

Carolyn Betty Fowler, '70, of Vicksburg, was nominated as the Vicksburg-Warren School District's representative for the Mississippi Teacher of the Year and was given the \$1,000 Anne Morrow Lindben Aerospace Educator Award.

Ronnie Vaughn, '70, CEO, and Louise Buckels Vaughn, '69, president of the former Cleveland Federal Savings Bank have changed the name to Cleveland Community Bank.

Don Kirksey Ph.D., '70, formerly of Sunflower County, has been appointed director of worldwide research alliance at Galxo, Inc., a pharmaceutical firm in Durham, NC.

Dr. Sharon Nelms Campbell, '75, has completed her doctorate in accounting at Louisiana Tech University.

Billy Moore, '71, of Saucier, a principal of Long Beach School was selected as Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Mrs. Catherine Hogan Buck, '73, of Tunica was recently honored at the Mississippi Public Health Association's annual meeting where she received a 20 year service award.

Dr. Mary Alice Cates, '72, of Cleveland, was elected President of the Mississippi Association of Marriage and Family Counselors. The 1994 DSU yearbook was dedicated to Dr. Cates.

Terri Springer, '77, of Jackson has been named Assistant Director of Human Resources at Methodist Medical Center in Jackson.



Carolyn Manning

Carolyn Manning, a 1983 DSU graduate, is Regional Sales Manager for the Southern Region of AT&T's Consumer Sales Division. This AT&T division was the 1994 recipient of the U.S. Commerce Department's Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award, of which Carolyn was instrumental in obtaining. The Baldridge Award is Corporate America's equivalent to the Oscars and carries a great deal of clout in business circles. Manning was extremely involved in the company's quality division and was the Regional Quality Manager when application was made for the Baldridge Award. She was promoted to Regional Sales Manager, but remained involved in the quality division.

Manning's present responsibilities include: sales manager covering 14 states and overseeing more than 4,000 AT&T contracted Corporate Card accounts that generate more than \$750 million in revenue and over 3 billion minutes of use to the AT&T long distance network annually.

She credits much of her success to Delta State and the management degree she received. Manning specifically points to the influence that Dr. Lawton Owens, Chairman Emeritus, Division of Management and Marketing, had on her management style. She states, "I have found practical application of Dr. Owens' principles of management to be highly effective. Additionally, I learned from him the importance of setting high expectations for those people I am responsible for; encouraging their creativity, supporting their individualism and applauding their successes. I find great satisfaction in helping people perform at an optimum level and am grateful to Dr. Owens for these simple pleasures." Manning has also done Masters of Business Administration work in Marketing at Mercer University. Manning is married with two children and resides in Atlanta.



Thomas E. Lord

Thomas Lord, a 1967 Delta State graduate, was recently appointed executive director of the Mississippi Employment Security Commission. He has served his entire career with MESC and has experience in all the major functions of the commission. "In his 26 years with the agency, Mr. Lord has worked in all three branches—employment service, unemployment insurance and business management. His all around knowledge of agency operations made him an excellent candidate for the job," said the Commission Chairman Jim Ingram.

Lord earned a B.S. in business administration with an emphasis in political science from DSU. He is rated a Certified Assessor by the Department of Labor Region IV State Employment Security Agencies Executive Development Program. Lord is one of the first Mississippians to complete the state's Certified Public Manager Program, receiving his CPM in 1993. He is a founding member of the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Managers.

Lord is a native of Greenwood and has been extremely active throughout his career in the Mississippi Chapter, International Association of Personnel in Employment Security. He was state President in 1978. Lord has also been involved in the Jaycees, United Methodist Church, and the MESC Credit Union. He is a former Boy Scout leader and was named to Outstanding Young Men of America.

Lord is married and has two daughters. They reside in Jackson.

# THE ALUMNI



Jeanette W. Hyde

Jeanette Hyde of Raleigh, N.C., a 1962 graduate of Delta State University, assumed the duty as Ambassador to Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines in April of 1994. Hyde was sworn in to her new position, by Vice President Al Gore, a long time friend of the Hyde's. Upon her departure to the islands, Hyde spoke of the United State's long-time friendship with the Caribbean islands and what lies ahead. "Our common goals are to pursue open markets, sustainable development and a higher standard of living for all our citizens."

Hyde is a founder of Triangle Bank and Trust Company and a partner of Kitty Hawk Investments in North Carolina. A private investor, Hyde served on a number of business, public service and academic boards. In North Carolina, she served on the Board of Transportation, the Global Transpark Authority and the Commission on International Affairs. She is a former owner of several retail stores in Fayetteville, N.C. and is also a former teacher and social worker.

Hyde attended Wake Forest University before obtaining her English degree from Delta State. She went on to do graduate work at the University of North Carolina and at North Carolina State University. Hyde studied French and Greek and lived in Greece in the 1960's. She is a native of Hamtonville, N.C. and is married to Wallace N. Hyde.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Since the last alumni magazine, the following alumni have become life members of the alumni association. Life dues are \$300 for an individual and \$400 per couple. Payments can be made in \$50 annual installments. For more information, call the alumni office 601-846-4705.

Beau Garverick, '93  
James S. Chambliss, '69  
Jerrod F. Hammack, '92  
Harry L. Howarth  
Billie N. Keys, '77  
James and Julie McDaniel, '93, '94  
John Scott & Mandy Suber, '93, '93  
William E. and Candace  
Lloyd, Jr., '84, '88  
Dennis L. Evans, Jr., '94  
Elinor Woo, '93  
Paul M. and Donna Belenchia, Jr. '70  
Darryl Darnell Adams, '84  
Mrs. Connie Baldwin Morgan, '91  
Dr. Gene and Linda Hamon, '81  
Dr. Charles and Becky Brock, Jr. '81 & '85  
Mr. Willo and Louise Goodwin, '58 & '56  
Michael E. Weeks, '90 & '93

Charles Barron, '75, has been appointed the new school district Superintendent in Shaw.

Dennis Cates, '79, of Cumberland, MD, has been promoted to Account Executive in the associate brands division of the Kelly-Springfield Tire Company.

Dr. Tena Long Golding, '79, of Hammond, LA, recently received her doctorate degree in math from Louisiana State University.

Mary Sanders, '76, of Ackerman, has been named Assistant Vice-President, Credit Administration of NBC system.

Dr. Michael Sanders, '78, has received his doctorate from Georgia State University.

Ronnie Wise, '79, of Cleveland, the Bolivar County Library System Director, was presented with the association's Golden Book Award for the most outstanding effort by an individual who has contributed to library awareness.

Rickie L. Pannel, '77, of Indianola, recently announced his candidacy for Sunflower County Supervisor for District 3.

Beverly Hunt Guest, '73, of Marvell, AR, was elected District Teacher of the year for the Marvell Public Schools in '94, '95.

## 1980's

Dr. Eugene Allen, '88, of Los Angeles, will be playing the part of an NBC reporter in the upcoming Billy Crystal movie "Forget Paris". The movie will open at the theater early this summer.

Alice Skelton, '82, a native of Greenville, MS, has moved to Jackson from California to accept the position of executive director of the Mississippi Democratic Party.

Mary Stone, RN, '86, of Cleveland, has completed requirements for certification as an Adult Nurse Practitioner from the University of Mississippi School of Nursing post master's program. Mary is a member of the Delta State Nursing faculty.

Marion Raines, '81, received national certification as a Certified Specialist in Medical Surgical Nursing. She is one of only 11 RN's in Mississippi to receive such recognition.

## DSU ACCOUNTING COUNTS

DSU's new accounting graduate program has received monetary support for a graduate accounting scholarship. Dr. Jerry Williams, Chair of the Department of Accounting and Coordinator of Graduate Programs, said the scholarship will allow DSU to compete for the top undergraduates in the accounting field. Delta State continues to lead the state in pass rate on the CPA exam. Daniel Barfield, Cleveland; Cheryl Bonnette, Grenada; James Gaston, Cleveland; Don Powers, Greenville; Stanley Robinson, Drew; Ali Sinkular, Memphis; Ren Smith, Chip Dardaman, Grenada; and Chase Wright, Memphis; have all recently passed all requirements of the CPA exam.

## MURDER BY THE BOOK

Dr. Dean James, class of 1980; has been nominated for the 1995 Edgar Allan Poe Award for his co-authored work (with Jean Swanson), *By a Woman's Hand: A Guide to Mystery Fiction by Women* (Berkley; \$10).

Each year in April, the Mystery Writers of America bestows the coveted award. This book has been nominated for Best Critical/Biographical Work of 1994. It is a comprehensive guide to the works of contemporary female mystery writers.

James is director of cataloging at the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library. He is also senior store manager of Murder By The Book, Houston's only bookstore devoted entirely to crime and mystery fiction.

Jacqueline Harris, '81, of Clarksdale, has been appointed to serve as a board member for the Clarksdale City School Board.

Davis Burke, '88, of Fayetteville, NC, has been promoted in the US Army for the third time in five years of service and is stationed in Panama for three years.

Billy C. Moore, '81, from Cleveland, received his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi.

Rev. John Thomas Shields, '75, formerly of Brookhaven, has been elected to serve as pastor of Collins Presbyterian Church.

Greg LaFosse, '86, formerly of Cleveland, has been promoted to training officer at Trustmark National Bank.

Lee Hayes, '87, of Columbia, TN, was named 1994 Class A State Baseball Coach of the Year by the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association after his baseball team won the state championship. He was also inducted into the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Sheila Curcio, '89, of Clarksdale, has been promoted to Vice-President of United Southern Bank.

Holly Wroten, '89, of Tupelo, was named as the Educational Therapist for North Mississippi Medical Center's Behavior Health Center in Tupelo.

Glynda Heath, '87, of Florence, recently joined the Prudential Bittick Realty Team as a Sales Executive covering the entire Jackson area.

Glenn Kitchens, '86, of Saltillo, was selected as STAR teacher for 1994-95 at Mooreville High School.

Larry Bradford, '86, of Columbus, has been hired part time with the Mississippi State University Band.

Brian R. Holt, '85, of Bossier City, LA, has accepted a position as Director of Cardiopulmonary Services at Summit Institute of Pulmonary Medicine and Rehabilitation in Bossier City.

Beth McArthur Tibbs, '88, of Cleveland, will complete her training in pediatrics in June and join practice with her husband Bob and her father-in-law Robert Tibbs, '53, in Cleveland.



## ATHLETIC ALUMNI HONOREES

Wally Powell, '85, Athletic Alumni president, congratulates Philip Farr, '61, on his selection for the "Distinguished Statesman Award" at the 1995 Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. Also pictured (L to R) are Hugh Ellis Walker '52, recipient of the "Lawrence Stewart Athletic Service Award", and Jim Williams, '62, who was honored for his many years of service to DSU athletics.



## SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

(L to R) Gale Davis, '63, of Albany, Georgia, Willo Goodwin, '58, of Biloxi, Jim Miles, '66, of Senatobia, Alvin Ratliff, '71, of Owingsville, Kentucky, and Tommy Worthey, '71, of Cleveland were inducted into the DSU Sports Hall of Fame at the annual Athletic Alumni Banquet on March 25.

# FOOTBALL STATESMEN SELECTED TO ALL-STAR GAME

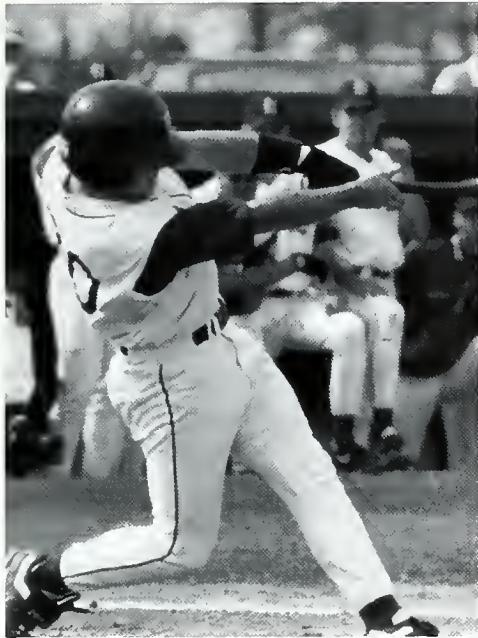
Five DSU football seniors were selected to play in the first annual National College Football All-Star Classic, played March 11, at University High Stadium in Orlando, Fla.

Jason Summers, an offensive guard from Pensacola, Fla., Jason Klimszak, a kicker from Deerfield, Ill., Corey Smith, strong safety from West Point, Miss., Michael Young, a tight end from Durant, Miss., and Erick Brady, offensive tackle from Petal,

Miss., were all picked by the game's talent coordinating staff to participate.

Summers and Klimszak were second-team all-Gulf South Conference picks this season, while Corey Smith was a third-team all-American and 1993 all-GSC selection.

The game marks the first time top college seniors from all three major college football divisions have showcased their talents on the same field.



Corey Sledge, a junior from Aberdeen, slams a home run against division II powerhouse, Central Oklahoma.

## STATESMEN WIN GSC-WEST TITLE

The Delta State men's basketball team won the Gulf South Conference West Division regular season championship, and gave the Statesmen a berth in the GSC Tournament in Florence, Ala.

The road to the title was no easy one for ninth-year head coach Steve Rives, as the club started the year with a 1-3 record. But the club turned things around in late December, hitting its stride with a championship in the Missouri Southern Tournament, Dec. 29-30, in Joplin, MO. In the MSSC event, DSU junior Otis Lawson earned MVP honors, while teammate Kris Hardin, also a junior, was named to the all-tournament team. Lawson had 21 points and 7 rebounds in the team's semifinal win over SIU-Edwardsville, before Hardin turned it on in the finals with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

After losing their GSC opener to West Georgia on Jan. 5, the club reeled off five straight wins in January, before suffering road losses at Henderson State and Central Arkansas. The Statesmen would avenge those losses and go on to win their next six, including a satisfying 86-74 win at Mississippi College on Feb. 14.

The club was 10-1 in Sillers Coliseum this winter, and defeated Valdosta State in the first round of the GSC Tournament.

## DSU ALUMNI HONORED BY MAC

The Mississippi Association of Coaches (MAC) announced that Marion Kelley ('55) of Weir and Charles Peets ('56) of Vicksburg have been selected for induction into the MAC Hall of Fame. Also inducted will be Owen Makamson of Avon, whose son was an outstanding pitcher with the Statesman baseball program. The induction ceremonies, to occur in conjunction with the MAC Clinic this summer in Jackson, will honor Kelley, Peets and Makamson for their contributions to high school athletics during their teaching and coaching careers.

The MAC also announced that several DSU alumni have been named as coaches for post-season All-Star football contests. Homer "Cotton" Robertson ('57), a DSU Hall of Fame inductee, has been selected as the head coach of the 1995 Mississippi squad for the annual Mississippi/Alabama football game. Assisting Robertson will be Jerry Barrett ('73) of Senatobia, Paul Downs ('68) of Cleveland, and Neil Hitchcock ('75) of Grenada. Selected as head coach of the South squad for the 1995 Bernard Blackwell All-Star football game is David Bradberry ('74) of Clinton.

### 1995 STATESMEN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 02	North Dakota State	Away
Sept. 09	Arkansas Tech	Away
Sept. 16	Northwestern Louisiana	Away
*Sept. 23	North Alabama	Home
Sept. 30	West Georgia	Away
Oct. 07	Central Arkansas	Home
Oct. 14	Henderson State	Away
Oct. 21	Valdosta State	Home
**Oct. 28	Southern Arkansas	Home
Nov. 04	Livingston	Away
Nov. 11	Mississippi College	Home
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Edith Sledge, '86, of Morristown, NJ, was recently promoted to Manager of Sales Planning of Women's Care Products with Warner Wellcome Co.

Charles Boyles, '87, director of telecommunications at Delta State was elected director of the Mississippi Telecommunications Management Association's Northern District.

Eddie Woods, Sr., '86 is Director of Database Circulation at Bass Pro Shops in Springfield, MO.

Timothy Fairley, '85, formerly of Tupelo has been appointed Airport Manager for the Grenada County Airport.

Ed Girling, '82, of Philadelphia, has accepted the position of Band Director at Stringer High School in Bay Saint Louis.

Rebecca J. McCormick, '81, of Grenada, recently received the Master of Education degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Jane Greever, '81, a physical science instructor of NWMCC in Senatobia, represented her institution at the 1994 Lamplighter Conference.

Scott Day, '87, formerly of Gunnison, is a Construction Manager for RMT, Inc., an environmental engineering company in Greenville, SC.

James "Jimbo" Griffin, '89, of Greenwood, has been named Vice-President of Sunburst Bank of Leland and Manager of the bank's Itta Bena branch.

Beth Embry, '86, of Greenwood, has joined the staff of the Mississippi Bankers Association as the director of education in Jackson.

Keith Williams, '86, has been named Assistant Vice President of Hancock Bank in Gulfport as business development officer.

James "Jim" Viner, '87, of Lewisville, TX, was recently promoted to First Officer on Boeing 727. He is a pilot and instructor for UPS.

Dr. Daniel Q. Richardson, '81, formerly of Drew, has been certified by the American Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

## SHORT NOTES

### KELLOGG GRANTS DSU PROGRAM

Delta State University has been awarded an \$82,000 seed grant for the new center of Economic and Community Development by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Dr. Jerry Robinson, Jr., B.F. Smith Chair of Economic and Community Development at Delta State, said the grant will enable the center to do many things. "We will pattern our programs after successful efforts which have been funded by the Kellogg Foundation. Our primary concerns will be to help Deltans revitalize community life and to help create economic development opportunities in rural communities.

### ART ALIVE AT DSU

Twelve Delta State University art students have had 15 pieces of their works accepted for the 1995 Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition this spring at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. Students include: Robin Whitfield, Clinton; Duff Dorrough, Ruleville; Brett Autonberry, Vicksburg; Bonnie Dillon, Cleveland; Brandon Bennett, Drew; James Allen Hall, Grenada; Robin Durand, Greenwood; Dennis Compton, Shaw; Ellen Murphy, Senatobia; Jennifer Peralisi, Leland; Yukie Hashino, Hernando; and Jay Cheatham, Greenwood.

### COME BACK TO THE OUTBACK

Twenty-six years, thousands of miles, and 5000 plus campers, skiers, and canoers are milestones. Outdoor lovers are urged to join Dave Heflin and Henry Outlaw for a reunion this summer in the Nantahala Gorge for one more Outback Kayak trip. For more information or suggestions of dates and ideas for the event, call Heflin at 601-846-4563 (daytime) or 748-2266 (home).

### RENAISSANCE 20 YEAR REUNION

Renaissance celebrated its 20 year reunion with many alumni returning for a spring concert which was the first performance in the new performing arts building, under the direction of Gene Ayers.

### '90 CLASS NOTE

Class Notes on Alumni who graduated in the 90's will be included in the next issue of Delta Currents in August.



## DELTA STATE-VALLEY MERGER PROPOSAL APPARENTLY DEAD

A proposal to merge Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State University, offered as part of the Ayers desegregation case remedy, appears to be dead.

The Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning -- which suggested the merger possibility -- is "now looking beyond that," according to Dr. Ray Cleere, commissioner of higher education. Instead, the Board has appointed a three-member committee to study alternatives to merger.

Cleere, in an interview with The Bolivar Commercial, said there is no enthusiasm on the Board for pursuing the merger proposal. Instead, the Committee will suggest alternatives to merger as a means of increasing white enrollment at MVSU. MVSU is 99.6% black while DSU is 72% white. In his opinion, handed down March 7, Judge Neal Biggers said the Board had not shown that it was practical or educationally sound to merge the two schools. Judge Biggers was complimentary in several instances of Delta State's management and operation.

The Alumni Association, through Cleveland attorney Lindsey C. Meador, filed an amicus curiae brief that emphasized the absence of any data to support a conclusion that the mergers would contribute to further desegregation in the Delta. Dr. Kent Wyatt offered similar testimony at the trial, and his testimony was referenced several times in the judge's decision. Judge Biggers gave the state until July 1, 1996, to carry out his order.

### WRITERS CAPTURE AWARDS

Each year the International Honor Society in Literature, Lambda Iota Tau, produces a magazine in which it publishes "some of the best creative writing by its members.". This year four of the ten published writers are from Delta State. Dr. William Spencer, faculty advisor to the LIT says, "The students should be very proud of themselves. They deserve the honor." Winners include: Helen Armstrong, Jim Garrett, Donna Gordon, and Sissy Pierce.

### MASTER OF NURSING

Dr. Barbara Powell reported that in January, 1995, fourteen full time students and three part-time students were admitted to the newly established graduate program in nursing. The two majors are: family nurse practitioner and adult health nurse educator. The program requires twelve months of full time study. DSU alumni enrolled are: Anne Afeman Norwood, '91; Nkeba Stringer, Sherry Woodard, '93; Pattie Hemphill, '83; Gwen Chew, '88; Lisa Julius, '88; and George Murphy, '94.

The next class will be admitted in the fall of '95. Application deadline is June 1. For more information call 601-846-4268 or write Box 3343, Cleveland, MS 38733.

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